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SUBJECT: ARTICLE BY BELGIAN COMMUNIST PARTY LEADER ON "EUROPEAN COMM-
UNISM"

1. JEAN TERFVE, VICE PRESIDENT OF BELGIAN COMMUNIST PARTY AND PARTY'S LEADING INTERNATIONAL FIGURE, PUBLISHED ARTICLE IN JANUARY 6 EDITION OF FRENCH LANGUAGE DAILY LE SOIR ON "EURO-COMMUNISM." HE SAID THE TERM WAS COINED BY ADVERSARIES OF COMMUNISM TO CHARACTERIZE GENERAL LINE OF THOUGHT AND ACTION OF COMMUNIST PARTIES IN ADVANCED COUNTRIES OF WESTERN EUROPE. IMPLICATION IS THAT THESE PARTIES TRYING TO BREAK UMBILICAL CORD WITH MOSCOW. HE SAID THAT CONSIDERED IN THESE TERMS ISSUE IS BADLY POSED. HE CLAIMS ACTION OF WESTERN EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES IS LOGICAL EVOLUTION DETERMINED BY SOCIETIES IN WHICH THEY OPERATE. PROBLEM IS ONE OF POWER WHICH IS SOUGHT AND ACCEPTED BY SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY EXERCIZING DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS. THIS IS WHY COMMUNIST PARTIES ARE TRYING
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TO TAKE INITIATIVE WHICH THEY ARE READY TO SHARE WITH OTHERS.

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HE CLAIMS THIS IS FAR DIFFERENT THAN TASK WHICH COMMUNIST
PARTY IN SOVIET UNION AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES HAVE
HAD, AND THIS EXPLAINS DIFFERENCES WHICH HAVE APPEARED IN
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT. HE SAID THESE DISCUSSIONS
AND CONFRONTATIONS DO NOT SIGNIFY ANY RUPTURE AND IN FACT
CALL FOR GREATER COHESION OF COMMUNIST MOVEMENT.

2. HE ASSERTS IN PARTICULAR THAT DEVELOPMENTS IN EUROPEAN
SECURITY AND COOPERATION ARE THE RESULT OF COHESION AND STRENGTH
OF SOCIALIST (COMMUNIST) COUNTRIES. HE CONCLUDES THAT
THE FREEDOM WHICH INDIVIDUAL COMPONENTS OF THE COMMUNIST
MOVEMENT ENJOY TO SEEK THEIR OWN WAY IS NOT IN CONTRADICTION
WITH THE OVERALL MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND SOLIDARITY OF THE
MOVEMENT, WHICH SERVES ALL COMMUNISTS AND THEIR ALLIES.

3. COMMENT: TERFVE SEEKS TO PLACE THE MINISCULE BELGIAN
CP SQUARELY IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD BETWEEN MOSCOW
SYCOPHANTS AND THE INDEPENDENT-SPIRITED ITALIAN AND FRENCH
PARTIES. HE LINE OF ARGUMENT, HOWEVER, MUST SURELY READ
BETTER IN ROME THAN IN MOSCOW. FIRESTONE

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